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## JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS...

'Our cat Simba knows when Imogen's blood sugar is low', says mum Gemma

By Russ Lawrence

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**A MOGGY from Haringey who miraculously survived a 60-mile trip after stowing away under the bonnet of a van has been reunited with his family.**

Simba would almost certainly have been badly burned or killed trapped in the red-hot engine compartment had the van travelled to its intended destination and not broken down mid-journey in Reading, Berkshire.

The ginger tom was rescued by a passer-by and taken to the town's RSPCA shelter.

And last week, three months after he went missing, Simba was reunited with the Tottenham family who own him, thanks to a stroke of luck and some sterling detective work by the animal welfare charity.

Initially, staff had their doubts they would ever return it to its rightful owner as Simba wasn't micro-chipped and they had no idea where the cat had started his journey.

After putting an appeal on social

media, which went viral, they received a stroke of good fortune.

Another passer-by sent them photos of the broken-down van and writing on the side of the vehicle indicated it came from Tottenham.

And when mum-of-two Gemma Davis spotted a story about the RSPCA's search for the cat's owner on a Facebook page, she immediately recognised Simba.

She, her husband Paul, their Imogen, five, and their 21-month old son James feared he had been run over when he did not return to their home on the Broadwater Farm Estate.

And Gemma has revealed what a special cat Simba is to the family, seemingly with a sixth sense that alerts them when the blood sugar levels of their diabetic daughter drops dangerously low at night.

"Simba vanishes and I find him curled up on Imogen's bed and when I check her blood sugar levels she's low," explained Gemma.

"The first three or four times it happened I thought it was a coincidence, but it's happened about a dozen times now, so I think he definitely senses something is going



Sixth sense: Simba with five-year-old Imogen Davis

on. It's so nice to know there's someone else looking out for her, especially at night time," she added.

Helena Pearce, from RSPCA Reading and Oxon Border branch, said Simba was "very lucky" the van had broken down as he was in a very distressed state, extremely

warm and had very hot paws. "If his journey had continued, he may not have survived," she said.

"We'd like to thank the members of the public who rescued Simba and took photos of the van as without them we may not have found his owners."

## Tube strike to hit commuters

COMMUTERS in Haringey will face travel delays when 400 Piccadilly line drivers strike for 24 hours next week after "a wholesale breakdown" in relations between their trade union and management.

They will stage a 24-hour walkout from 9.30pm on Tuesday (December 6) until 9.29pm the following day.

The strike will affect services through Bounds Green, Wood Green, Turnpike lane and Manor House Tube stations.

The RMT said the dispute was over a range of issues including concerns about training and the signals passed at danger policy. The union also objected to a decision that other rail staff would have the final say "on the serviceability and safety of a train" rather than the driver.

Hammersmith and City line staff will also strike on the same day.

RMT general secretary Mick Cash said: "Our members have been left exposed and vulnerable and we have no choice but to blow the whistle before the damage is done."

London Underground boss Steve Griffiths said: "We urge the RMT leadership to work with us constructively on the issues it has raised rather than disrupt our customers with strikes."

## Murder trial fixed

A TOTTENHAM man will appear at The Old Bailey next month charged with the murder of a woman in Tottenham.

Bashir Ali, 41, of Bramble Close, Tottenham Green, was sent for trial on December 29 when he appeared before Highbury Corner Magistrates on Friday accused of the murder of 41-year-old Ealing woman Deeqa Ibrahim on Wednesday last week.

## Spurs unveil their latest signing – Nancy

SPURS unveiled their new signing last week – single mum Nancy Kiaku.

The 36-year-old jobseeker has been taken on as a catering worker as part of an employment skills programme operated by Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

Nancy, originally from the Republic of Congo in central Africa, landed the job after a three-day voluntary work placement at the White Hart Lane club.

The programme, run by Circle Housing in conjunction with the Tottenham Hotspur

Foundation, offers one-to-one careers skills and support, plus work experience with the prospect of a permanent job at the end of it.

Nancy, who has lived in Haringey for 13 years and been studying a range of subjects including hairdressing, beauty and fashion textiles while looking for a job, said: "I'm really pleased to have a regular income once again and be in a position to support my family. The course is really helpful and has not only enabled me to improve my interview skills and prepare a better CV, but has also improved my confidence."



Pleased: Nancy Kiaku at White Hart Lane

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# Blooming cheek

## Christine is left 'heartbroken' as flower bed is bulldozed to make way for Cycle Enfield

**By Clare Casey**

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EVERYTHING is distinctly not rosy for a green-fingered duo after it was decided to drive a cycle lane right through their prize flower bed.

Christine Williams and her daughter Lizzie re-landscaped and replanted a stunning flower bed 19 years ago in memory of "nan", who used to sit on a bench at the corner of Village Road and Park Avenue, Bush Hill Park.

Now it's been completely destroyed to make way for the Cycle Enfield scheme, a net-

work of cycle paths running through the borough.

Mrs Williams, 73, of Private Road, is secretary of Enfield In Bloom and is one of scores of volunteers who keep the borough's blooms looking beautiful.

She said: "We are heartbroken that our beautiful bed has been completely demolished. It seems madness that Enfield in Bloom was not advised long ago of beds in the firing line. How many more will go because of the dreaded cycle lanes, and at what cost?"

"The huge amount of work my daughter and I put in now counts for nothing. A great

many residents will be jolly cross to see that bed go. It is much appreciated in the area as people stop to chat and comment while we work on it."

Mrs Williams begged workman to down tools while she rescued some of the flora – which they did.

She added: "To their credit, the men working on the road did stop and even help me lift out the shrubs and flowers, but sadly the top soil could not be saved."

An Enfield Council spokesman said it was aware of the incident and was investigating.

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**Far from rosy:** Christine Williams and daughter Lizzie in front of the ripped-up flower beds; below, how it looked previously



## Police trial campaign to foil the winter burglars

AS the long winter nights draw in, Enfield's most senior police officer Detective Chief Superintendent Iain Raphael is getting behind a campaign aimed at foiling burglars.

#BeSafe is a trial initiative launched by the Metropolitan Police aimed at providing home owners with simple steps to protect their properties and reduce the risk of break-ins.

Mr Raphael said he hoped that a lot of residents would take notice.

He explained: "We're really trying to get people on board to take small steps like double locking your front door that can make all the difference to whether your home is targeted by burglars."

"If you, your friends and neighbours do this, we can really make an impact on burglary in Enfield."

"Police are playing their part, too – we've increased our anti-burglary operations at this time of the year and are out targeting and arresting burglars," he added.

A range of methods has been used to raise awareness, including a video posted on YouTube of a drama sketch depicting a resident as a hero on the news for double locking her front door.

According to Enfield police, most

burglaries in the borough between June 2015 and May 2016 occurred from 1am to 6am and from 12noon to 4pm.

During these time periods, almost a quarter of the burgled properties – 24 per cent – were not secure.

The campaign is currently being tried out in Barnet and Lambeth as well as Enfield.

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## Cancer charity is looking for a marathon fundraiser

A CHARITY based in Enfield is offering to help a runner realise the dreams of running in the London Marathon while raising money for people with cancer.

Nightingale Cancer Support, which supports people affected by cancer and their families, has won a place in the small charities ballot and is looking for a fundraiser to take on the 26.2-mile challenge.

After ten years of trying it has finally won the special charity place to give one individual a chance to join the thousands of other fun runners and serious athletes in next year's London Marathon on Sunday, April 23.

The Lancaster Road based charity has to raise more than £300,000 to support its work each year and hopes the successful applicant will raise a minimum of £2,500 through special events and sponsorship.

Nightingale's fundraising manager Lesa Barker says applicants need to put their best foot forward and contact the charity soon to be in with a chance of getting one of the much coveted marathon places.

This year 39,140 runners raised £59million in one of the biggest annual charity fundraisers in London.

The event also clocked up the millionth runner since it started in 1981 and Nightingale Cancer Support is hoping a runner will enjoy the excitement of training to participate in the marathon.

Supporter Alex Dutton, pictured right, raised more than £3,000 for the charity last year when he completed the London Marathon course in five hours and 30 minutes.

Ms Barker said: "We work alongside the clinical services of the NHS to assist people to live with and beyond the disease."

"So often it is not just the patient who suffers from a cancer diagnosis – it's their family, friends and even their work colleagues. We support them all and give our services free of charge."

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Would-be marathon runners should contact the fundraising team on 020 8366 9674 or email [fundraising@nightingalesupport.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@nightingalesupport.org.uk) to be in with a chance of a place in the London Marathon.



# Parliamentary hopeful has recipe for success

By Julia Gregory

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A CANDIDATE in last year's general election has published a cookbook of her family recipes.

Gonul Daniels put together the recipe book over the past year.

She said that The Turkish Kitchen – Turkish Home Cooking At Its Best was a labour of love in which she wanted to celebrate the culinary skills of her mother Ayten Hassan.

Mrs Daniels was the Conservative candidate for Edmonton in last year's election and has worked at the Bank of England and the Houses of Parliament.

The senior systems engineer develops IT networks and is also involved with the Ashmole Academy, in Southgate.

She remains on the candidates' list and is hoping to contest a seat in the next general election.

A keen cook herself, she asked her 80-year-old mother to share recipes she brought from home in Northern Cyprus when she moved to the UK in the 1960s.

"My mum's a fantastic cook," she said. "We all love eating and mum loves cooking. She cooked a meal for us every day when we were growing up."

"I would ring her up and ask how to make different recipes. When I ask her how to make things, she tells me to add a bit of this and a bit of that."

"We sat down and weighed everything out for the book. We also took the photos

Mother knows best: Gonul Daniels with mum Ayten Hassan and some of her traditional Turkish dishes



and made the recipes several times for the photos."

Mrs Daniels said it took her about a year to put together and she cooked up the recipes in the kitchen at her home in Palmers Green.

"I have loved doing it," she added. "It is a project of love."

Her mother's signature dish is Annemin Firin Katmeri – a pastry filled with cinnamon, almond and cream which is known in the family as "mum's curly wurly".

"Most dishes in the book are home cooking," she said. "Some are things you could not have out in a restaurant."

Many of the recipes are vegetable-

based and some of them are "a bit anglicised", using ingredients available in the UK when it was harder to find Turkish food.

Mrs Daniels said that one of the key ingredients in Turkish cooking was good-quality olive oil.

"We use that every day," she said. "My brother used to joke that every Turkish household has chicken stock cubes and tins of tomatoes. My mother used to skin the tomatoes, but now we have tins of tomatoes. She's always got flat-leafed parsley in the fridge as well."

The Turkish Kitchen is published by HarPea Publishing, price £14.99.

## Churches join forces in bid to help refugees

CHURCHES in Enfield Lock are holding a joint carol service to raise funds to welcome Syrian refugees to the borough.

The service will bring together parishioners from five churches around Ordinance Road to raise money for the work of the Enfield Refugee Welcome Group.

The group is about to submit an application to the Home Office which could make Enfield one of the first boroughs to sponsor a family fleeing the war in Syria.

The Enfield Refugee Welcome Group of 40 volunteers has a fund-raising target of £20,000 to sponsor a refugee family and has the back-

ing of 14 churches in Enfield and Palmers Green mosque.

It has found private accommodation to house refugees and is looking for more people to help as befrienders to support them find their feet when they arrive in the UK.

The leaders of the five EN3 churches said: "In an age where nations across the world appear to be putting up barriers that deny our common humanity, connectedness and dependence upon each other, London remains a beacon of cross cultural friendship and creativity."

"Together this Christmas the EN3 churches stand in support of those affected by the Syrian crisis."

The chairwoman of the Enfield Refugee Welcome Group Alison Phillips said: "All of a sudden their lives have been turned upside down."

Mrs Phillips said that the group had come together to help people caught up in conflict.

"I think it's a story of our time," she added. "It's a test of our time. It makes you feel less despairing if you can help someone in this situation."

The carol service is scheduled to start at 4.30pm on Sunday, December 11, at St George's Church in Hertford Road.

Visitors will be welcome and will be able to join in a one-off choir rehearsal at 3pm.

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# Parade lights up the town

By Clare Casey

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HUNDREDS of people dressed up and marched through the streets of Enfield on Sunday to mark the annual Parade of Light.

Scores more turned out to watch and cheer on the volunteers, community groups and fundraisers who had designed floats – and even a fleet of scooters – in their chosen theme.

One of the organisers, Kathy Worral, said it had been another wonderful event and praised everyone who had made such a big effort.

She said: "I always say it's not just me who does this, it's everyone – all the volunteers who give their time and effort to make this happen.

"It's about having fun and raising money for local charities along the way.

"As well as the parade, we had music, stalls in the market square, the switch-on of the Christmas tree and fireworks. It was wonderful."

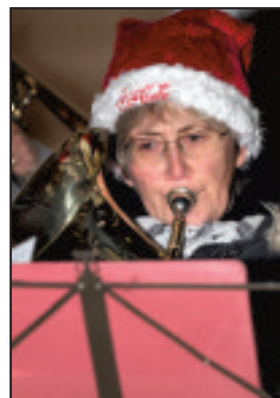
But the parade – now in its sixth year – did not go completely without a hitch.

A serious road accident that happened just after 10am that morning meant that the parade route had to be changed at the 11th hour.

The march still began at Enfield Civic Centre at 4pm, went along Baker Street, turned left into Lancaster Road, left into Chase Side and then, rather than coming down Church Street, it was diverted down Parsonage Lane.



Tree-sy does it: Mayor of Enfield Bernadette Lappage in front of the decorated Christmas tree



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**With the introduction of Legal and General to the lifetime market in recent months the industry has seen a price war between the insurer and Aviva who had become the major player in this market. This has led to the lenders in the market slashing rates and fees in a bid to win business with the customer benefiting even more so.**

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Festive greetings: Volunteer Mary Bysouth shows Vera Cook one of the Christmas cards being sold by Palmers Green United Reformed Church, in Fox Lane, to raise money for charity

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# John braves the cold to boost homeless charity

By Priya Kingsley-Adam

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A PRIMARY school mentor is swapping his duvet for a blanket to sleep rough this week night to raise cash to help keep homeless Londoners off the street over Christmas.

John Gilbert, 63, will brave the cold on a bench outside Enfield Town Library, in Church Street, from 5pm on Friday until dawn on Saturday and will give donations to homeless charity Centrepont.

Hundreds of teachers and children together with their families are expected to turn out in support of Candle Night by donating £1 in exchange for a candle.

Every 50 candles sold will keep a homeless person off the streets for two days over Christmas as part of a care package offered by Centrepont.

It will provide a warm bed in a hostel, a dentist, a chiroprapist and a doctor's appointment, as well as a Christmas dinner.

John, who works as a mentor for public speaking, drama and philosophy at Honilands Primary School, in Lovell Road, Enfield, and Worcesters Primary School, in Goat Lane, Enfield, is hoping to open children's eyes to the increase in homeless Londoners.

"Primary school children are the next generation of carers and givers and this will

give them hands-on experience of what the harsh reality is for many homeless people," he explained.

"Even if children, adults and teachers sit on a bench for a few minutes in the cold, they will go back to their warm beds and appreciate what they have."

Every hour that John sleeps rough a candle will be lit to represent a homeless person sleeping on the streets.

He aims to raise awareness to residents of all ages who take for granted the luxury of having a safe and warm home.

He added: "People in our city can be smug, but they don't have a clue about homeless people and it's everyone's responsibility."



Cold comfort: John Gilbert with his son, John Roberts



Getting a feel of it: Volunteers and parishioners staged a practice run in advance of the Winter Night Shelter scheme in January

## Church volunteers stage dry run for night shelter

VOLUNTEERS and parishioners bedded down behind the pews and fell asleep under the vaulted ceilings of a Southgate church in preparation for the Winter Night Shelter scheme.

Christ Church in The Green is one of seven churches in the borough participating in the scheme to provide food and shelter for homeless people for 13 weeks in a rotation system.

The church will be the first to open its doors from January 4 to 12 rough sleepers desperate for a home-cooked meal, a warm bed and breakfast.

One of the church wardens Phillip Dawson was at the trial run on Wednesday night last week.

He said: "Some of us helped last

year at our 'daughter church' at St Andrew's in Southgate, but this is the first time we're doing it here.

"We blew up the beds, laid the table, had a meal and then went to sleep, with one of us always awake through the night – on shifts – just like it will be when it's the real thing.

"It was good to get a feel of it all and see, in a very practical way, what we still need to do.

"And to get used to the noises in the church – it's very creaky in here!"

There had been concerns about a lack of washing facilities, but the trustees at the Walker Ground, opposite the church, have agreed to the guests showering there in

the mornings.

Mr Dawson added: "It's what they call low risk.

"The people who will be taking part in the scheme will not be drug or alcohol dependent. Many of them will have jobs, but will be homeless and sofa surfing to survive.

"We're looking forward to it. As Christians it feels like a very real way of helping others."

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## NEWS



Standing up to violence in the home: Enfield Council's cabinet

# Campaign against domestic violence backed by cabinet

By Julia Gregory

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POLITICIANS are urging people to stand up to the “cowardly and abhorrent” crime of domestic violence which affects thousands of people a year.

Cabinet members at Enfield Council have signed up to the White Ribbon pledge to oppose domestic violence against women and girls.

The council backed the campaign as part of the national White Ribbon Day last Friday and is urging residents to join.

A banner backing the campaign is on display outside Enfield Civic Centre, in Silver Street.

Police in Enfield deal with an average of 20 calls about domestic violence a day, detaining five people.

In the past 12 months in Enfield there have been more than 2,900 domestic crimes and more than 200 rapes and 341 sexual offences, according to Solace Woman's Aid.

Sandjea Green, who is the manager for the charity, which provides accommodation for women at a secret location in the borough, said the number of cases in Enfield was rising.

According to domestic violence charity Refuge, more than half of young women aged 18 to 21 have suffered at least one abusive incident in a relationship.

Refuge estimates that at least two women a week die as a result of domestic abuse and one in four women will experience domestic violence at some time in their lives.

An estimated fifth of children in the UK have been exposed to it.

The Met Police and charities which work with

women experiencing domestic violence are also signatories to the White Ribbon pledge.

Krystle Fonyonga, Enfield's cabinet member for community safety and public health, said: “I was proud to sign up to the White Ribbon pledge which asks everyone to stand up to domestic violence.

“There is no place in a civilised society for a cowardly and abhorrent crime such as this and we are determined to raise awareness of this issue and do everything in our power to bring the people responsible to justice.”

Ms Fonyonga visited the Solace Refuge this summer to hear from young women who fled from abusive partners.

She added: “We are hammering home the message that this type of crime is not acceptable and are asking residents to look out for the signs of abuse and give victims the information and support they need to escape an abusive relationship.”

Superintendent Jenny Barnett, from Enfield police, said: “The message is clear – no form of domestic violence will be tolerated.”

Support is available on the National Domestic Violence Helpline on 0808 2000 247, Solace Women's Aid Advice Line on 0808 802 5565 and the North London Rape Crisis Centre on 020 7619 1369.

Donations to Solace Women's Aid will be matched by The Pilgrim Trust during the Big Give event, which started yesterday (Tuesday) and runs until Friday.

Residents and businesses can back the White Ribbon campaign on [www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk](http://www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk)

## Teenager is bailed over man's death

A 15-YEAR-OLD Enfield boy has been arrested in connection with the death of a man who was found in a fire-damaged car in Pitsea, Essex.

The teenager, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was arrested on Wednesday last week following the death of Vilson Meshi, 30, earlier

this year. He was discovered inside his Audi car nine months ago, on Saturday, February 27.

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## Columnist



**Bill Linton**  
Enfield Green Party

IN my last column, I started on the subject of Universal Basic Income. Since then the Canadian province of Ontario has embarked on a pilot project to pay everyone \$1,320 a month (£773).

They see it as poverty alleviation and akin to paying old people a pension. Here are a few more advantages. It will:

- Eliminate benefit fraud at a stroke.
- Help those who are poor but too proud to claim benefits,
- Encourage employees to challenge poor working conditions, given the UBI safety net.
- Reduce inequality.
- Reduce working hours and distribute jobs better.
- Reward unpaid contributors such as carers.

- Give more options to women.
- Encourage entrepreneurship.
- Make the introduction of labour-saving automation less painful for those labourers "saved" – this is one of the strongest arguments, with the advent of driverless vehicles, 3D printing, smart robots etc.

The main arguments advanced against UBI are the disincentive to work – but pilot schemes have shown little or no evidence of "skiving" – and it would mean a major reform of the tax system and the rates of pay for workers. There would no doubt be much upheaval caused during the transition, but in the long term the reforms would be simplifying and advantageous.

UBI has had backing from respectable sources. It's not just a loony lefty idea. UBI is a policy that automation and growing inequality make urgent. It is an idea whose time has come.

## Being a councillor is about more than attendance

FOLLOWING on from Terry Neville's column (*Advertiser*, November 16), over the last two years I have attended 87 per cent of overview and scrutiny meetings and its vital workstream meetings.

Regular attendance at meetings should be an expectation of all councillors, but I and my fellow Labour councillors believe that our responsibilities extend far beyond civic centre meetings, important as these are.

That is why you will see Labour councillors across Enfield holding

surgeries week in, week out, hosting ward forums, attending community events and knocking on doors to ask residents what they care and worry about.

Indeed, the scrutiny workstreams that I chair have not just involved civic centre meetings but also visits to residents' events, different schools across the borough and residents' homes.

On the Labour side, we believe that only by offering this kind of varied engagement with our communities can we offer people proper representation.

Silly statistical games and overly narrow measures of councillor activity do nothing to help Enfield residents or the process of engaging and representing them.

Surely a more positive way to represent our residents is by listening to them in as many different settings as possible.

Only in that way can the true diversity of communities across Enfield be represented and lives improved.

**Katherine Chibah, Enfield Council, Turkey Street Ward**

## Academy's preferred site is green belt land

I'M writing in relation to the front-page article ("No site for school – yet", *Advertiser*, November 16).

Councillor Nick Dines states that councillor Ayfer Orhan is "letting down parents" by not communicating with the Wren Academy over the failure to secure a site for their new school to accommodate the places needed by 2018.

It is, as correctly pointed out by Ms Orhan, not the responsibility of Enfield Council to identify and procure the land, but that of the Education Funding Authority in conjunction with the Wren Academy. The involvement of the council comes at the later planning stage.

The Wren Academy website currently states that the school will be open to accommodate 240 year 7 pupils by 2018, with a fully operational school with eight forms of entry operating by 2024. This was to be achieved, I believe from what we were told at Wren and Fairview Homes open days, by operating the school initially from temporary accommodation. If this is still the case, tell us?

Wren Academy is quoted in your paper as saying its favoured spot is the "open space" in Enfield Road and the

article continues with "but to date neither the location nor selection criteria has been confirmed, leaving parents in the dark".

For clarification, this "open space" in Enfield Road is in fact valuable green belt land and an area of local special character. It is an area rich in habitat for wildlife and biodiversity and an important wildlife link between Trent Park and Boxers Lake.

I and thousands of other residents have signed a petition to protect this land from any development.

Why again are Wren Academy withholding the status of the land when pushing for this particular site?

Finally, I would like to mention that there are no unplaced secondary children right now. The council's schools report shows a plan to accommodate projected future secondary need throughout the borough which includes three approved free schools.

Over to you Wren Academy.

**Keith Bilton**  
Netherby Gardens,  
Enfield

## New generation of energy meters are free, economical – and safe

IN response to your article about smart meters ("Not so smart", *Advertiser*, November 23)...

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**Lucy Maggs**  
Smart Energy GB

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## Trump marks end of an era

DONALD Trump's victory is the final proof that it is game over for the political elite.

Corbyn, Brexit and now Trump – all add up to an attack on a system that is no longer fit for purpose.

However, this is not the beginning of the end for democracy, it is simply the end of the beginning.

After we won the vote, not much more than 100 years ago, we made a big mistake in abrogating our power to political parties. Politicians quickly set us at war with each other to further their own careers and the rest is history.

The political elite have marginalised and impoverished their constituents.

At the same time, failing education, healthcare and employment have created a downtrodden class whose hopes and dreams have been crushed.

Little wonder that people have tired of political tribalism and are now fighting back.

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The election of Donald Trump as president of the USA is without doubt a game changer and will help speed the reform we so badly need. For that reason alone, we welcome his success.

**Martyn Greene**  
Director  
Free Parliament Campaign

## Thanks for all the hard work

THE delightful raised flower bed, opposite St Stephen's Church at the Park Avenue junction, is no more – demolished to make way for Cycle Enfield. What a shame.

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## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Award-winning Shane is having a ball with bocchia

By Priya Kingsley-Adam

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AN autistic boy who triumphed over his learning difficulties to coach children in the Paralympic sport of bocchia has won a prestigious award.

Shane Gunesh, 17, was named the Panathlon Young Leader of the Year at the Jack Petchey Outstanding Achievement Awards, held in the Olympic Gallery at the John Lewis store in Stratford, east London, last Wednesday.

The accolade recognises young people with disabilities who have qualified and excelled as sports leaders to train disabled children.

Shane is recognised as being on the autistic spectrum and helps to coach bocchia, which is similar to bowls, but is played with leather balls and is designed for athletes with severe impairments.

The teenager, of Carterhatch Lane, Enfield, started bocchia four years ago with the Panathlon charity, which offers sports opportunities for disabled young people.

Shane's mother Sunita said that playing, refereeing and coaching the sport had helped her son become more sociable.

"It was difficult to find out what he was interested in," she explained. "He was really shy and found it hard to make friends and communicate with people."

"But coaching bocchia has given him the opportunity to help others and give instructions. He's made friends and talks more. He loves it," she added.

Shane coaches an eight-strong group aged between 16 and 28 every Wednesday at West Lea School, in Haselbury Road, Edmonton, where he is a student two days a week.

He also studies for a BTEC diploma in sports coaching at the Ponders End campus of The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London, in Hertford Road.

In April this year, Shane won a gold medal at



Leading the way: Jack Petchey award winner Shane Gunesh, with runner-up Scott Pope, left, and Paralympic swimming gold medallist Liz Johnson

the Heathcoat Cup bocchia tournament in Sheffield after competing in the BC8 category.

He referees at bocchia tournaments held by Panathlon and in the London Youth Games.

Shane volunteers at the Barnet Mencap Autistic Society and helps to fund raise for the charity. He is also a member of the Venturers

Swimming Club for disabled young people, based at Albany Leisure Centre, in Hertford Road, Enfield Highway.

Shane, who was presented with the Young Leader award by Paralympic gold medal-winning swimmer Liz Johnson, said it was "very exciting" to have won.

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# Traders' dismay as plug is pulled on festive lights



By Clare Casey  
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TRADERS in Palmers Green have slammed local authority chiefs for the

dwindling number of lights at the annual Christmas turn-on.

Cash-strapped Enfield Council funded the Christmas tree at the Triangle, but for the first time in 20 years did not pay out

for festive street lights along Green Lanes. Costas Georgiou, chairman of the Green Lanes Business Association, was joined by fellow committee and association members, the Mayor of Enfield,

**Celebrating: A crowd gathered in Palmers Green for the annual Christmas turn-on – but there was a lack of lights**

Bernadette Lappage and Enfield Southgate MP David Burrowes at the Yuletide party as scores of people lined the streets.

But Mr Georgiou said that the event was marred by the lack of investment.

He said: "The evening was lovely and the turnout was impressive, but the only downside was that many people were saying, 'Where are the lights along the high street?'"

"I think it's terrible that we only received a Christmas tree this year.

"They [the council] told us that given the amount of funding going towards Cycle Enfield there was not enough money in the pot to fund the Christmas lights that Palmers Green town centre has always had."

Council chiefs strongly denied that the cut in funding was anything to do with the cycle lanes scheme.

The council's cabinet member for economic regeneration and business Alan Sitkin said: "The cycle scheme is being entirely funded by Transport for London, not the council.

"Unfortunately, due to cuts from government, we have had to scale down our lights this year.

"We would repeat the call that we issued earlier asking for businesses to co-operate with the council to help fund the lights so we can make them as good as possible."

There was carol singing by the choirs from Hazelwood School, in Hazelwood Lane, Palmers Green, and St John the Evangelist Church, in Bourne Hill, Palmers Green.

Balloons were handed out to children and mince pies and coffee were handed out courtesy of the Green Lanes Business Association and the Ruth Winston Community Centre for over-50s, in Green Lanes.

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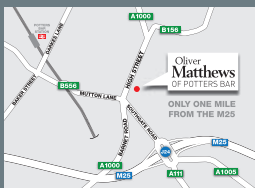
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## Tube train delays loom as drivers stage 24-hour strike



**Going on strike: Tube drivers on the Piccadilly line**

COMMUTERS and other Underground passengers are facing delays to their journeys after a 24-hour strike affecting Piccadilly line services was announced by the RMT union.

The trade union confirmed that 400 drivers will stage a walkout at 9.30pm next Tuesday (December 6), with services not resuming until 9.29pm the following day.

The strike will affect services to and from Cockfosters through Oakwood, Southgate, Arncliffe Grove and Bounds Green stations.

The RMT said the dispute was over a range of issues including concerns about training including the signals passed at danger policy.

The union also objected to a decision that other rail staff would have the final say "on the serviceability and safety of a train" rather than drivers.

Hammersmith and City line staff will also strike on the same day.

RMT general secretary Mick Cash said: "Safety is again a major

procedure and is tied in with the rip-ping-up of policies and procedures and ignoring warnings from staff.

"Our members have been left exposed and vulnerable and we have no choice but to blow the whistle before the damage is done."

London Underground boss Steve Griffiths said the announcement of strike dates was premature as talks were due to take place last Friday at the arbitration service ACAS.

He said: "We urge the RMT leadership to work with us constructively on the issues it has raised rather than disrupt our customers with strikes."

"The announcement of strike dates is premature given that we have talks planned at ACAS to discuss the RMT's concerns on the Piccadilly line, and on the Hammersmith & City line we are waiting for the RMT's response to our proposals to end that dispute."

London Underground said that 168 out of 408 Piccadilly line drivers had voted to strike.





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### CRYPTIC CLUES

#### ACROSS

1. See 19 Across.
9. The Old Man's cry that stops the vessel (3)
10. The garlic could make you sleepy (9)
11. Try an easy diversion round the south (5)
13. Waste time making a fried concoction (7)
14. Previously told that conflict will come to a disastrous end (6)
16. How the local authority imposes regulations (2-4)
18. Fancy getting a point after aiming badly (7)
- 19 & 1 Across. What stamp counterfeiters create (5,11)
20. Swiss scattered in the vale (9)
21. To knock a popular song (3)
22. Fine old house converted into steamy hotel (7,4)

#### DOWN

2. The month for hawthorn (3)
3. Recover from a succession of strokes (5)
4. Start to show to some advantage (3,3)
5. The senselessness of having been elected by a tiny fluctuation (7)
6. The wrong thing to drop at dusk (9)
7. Manufacturer of revolvers (11)
8. Sporting records – these will be arranged in twenties (5-6)
12. Tiny spring flower (9)
15. It's obvious I've been upset by depression (7)
17. The kind of tasks for one in a servile position (6)
19. Bird island near the bottom of the cliff (5)
21. Express hesitation as you stitch the edge (3)

### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

1. Gloomy (11)
9. Possess (3)
10. Analysis (9)
11. Sticky (5)
13. Humdrum (7)
14. Decorated (6)
16. Docile (6)
18. Utmost (7)
19. Wrench (5)
20. Support (9)
21. Card game (3)
22. Knock-out drug (11)

#### DOWN

2. Epoch (3)
3. Mournfully (5)
4. Scant (6)
5. Voluptuous (7)
6. Incite (9)
7. Dispute (11)
8. Showiness (11)
12. Compel (9)
15. Syrup (7)
17. Oppose (6)
19. Flinch (5)
21. Garland (3)

### Last week's solutions

#### QUICK SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Omit; 3 Farcical; 9 Exploit; 10 Mount; 11 Illiberality; 13 Notify; 15 Starve; 17 Well-mannered; 20 Noble; 21 Dispute; 22 Pleasant; 23 Lees.  
Down: 1 Obedient; 2 Impel; 4 Attire; 5 Completeness; 6 Counter; 7 Late; 8 Doubtfulness; 12 Heedless; 14 Tremble; 16 Pardon; 18 Rouse; 19 Snap

#### CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Chef; 3 Bachelor; 9 Natural; 10 Lance; 11 Play for money; 13 Repast; 15 Statue; 17 Civil servant; 20 Again; 21 Imagine; 22 Stealing; 23 Asps.  
Down: 1 Conspire; 2 Extra; 4 Allure; 5 Hollow threat; 6 Lenient; 7 Reel; 8 Professional; 12 Restless; 14 Private; 16 Assign; 18 Amiss; 19 Lass.

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# 'Little things can have a big impact'

## Trust collects award for commitment to staff

By Julia Gregory

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AN NHS trust which covers Enfield has been recognised for efforts in keeping its workforce happy and healthy.

Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust received the Mayor of London's Healthy Workplace Award at a ceremony at City Hall, in London.

The accolade acknowledges employers who recognise the way a healthy work environment can improve staff productivity.

The trust has provided its staff with a well-being forum on which they can share their own ideas on how to improve the workplace.

An employee assistance programme has also been created for staff to gain access to free advice on social, financial, health and domestic issues.

Mark Vaughan, the trust's executive director of

workforce, said he was "delighted" that the dedication to improving the staff's physical and mental health had been recognised.

"There is a lot of research which shows well-being initiatives can prevent absenteeism and improve productivity, which has a direct impact on patient care," he said. "As a trust we're committed to ensuring staff feel fully supported to do their job to the best of their ability."

There are also "dignity at work" advisers from the trust on hand to provide additional support to health professionals who need to talk through problems they experience.

"The little things can make a big impact," said Andrew Scott-Lee, chairman of the staff well-being forum.

"I know managers are also encouraging people to take breaks away from their desk instead of 'dining al-desko', promoting healthy eating, and some teams have a well-being hour."



**Award winners:** Edwin Magombe and Andrew Scott-Lee with Dame Carol Black and the certificate given to the trust

# Fair's fair for Christmas shoppers

SHOPPERS helped farmers get a better deal as they snapped up Fairtrade food and flowers at a fair in Enfield.

Edible goodies, Christmas cards and colourful bouquets were on sale at the event organised by the Roman Catholic parish of Mount Carmel & St George, celebrating the Fairtrade status awarded to the parish by the Fairtrade Foundation.

People had the chance to learn more about Fairtrade products, whereby farmers are paid a decent price for their produce.

They could also buy some delicious cakes and store cupboard essentials.

There were stalls from aid agency the CAFOD (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development) charity, Enfield Green Christians, Traidcraft,

Oxfam and Pax Christ at the fair at the parish centre in London Road, Enfield Town.

Catholic Enfield and Justice and Peace Enfield also helped organise the event.

Volunteer Beena George cooked up a storm using all Fairtrade ingredients to make cakes to sell at the fair.

She also made bouquets using Fairtrade flowers and members of the church's confirmation class helped to sell them.

Enfield's CAFOD representative Tony Sheen, who is based at the volunteer centre in Bramley Road, Oakwood, said: "She raised nearly £100 for the charity which works in 30 developing countries and helps people in their everyday lives as well

as tackling emergencies. Fairtrade is such an important initiative and this parish is one of the many in the Westminster diocese which has attained Fairtrade status.

"Now more than 500 Catholic parishes across England and Wales have been certified Fairtrade parishes. It is through events like this that we can raise awareness and support locally to help farmers across the world."

Mr Sheen said that parishioners had the chance to learn about how their shopping could help producers in the developing world.

"Buying Fairtrade is an important way of ensuring that no exploitation has taken place in its production and ensuring that farmers get a fair price for their goods," he added.

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Come in from the cold and enter into the Christmas spirit as a dark and spectral woman tells haunting tales of the festive season, lighting a candle to the frailties of human nature and illuminating the cold and chilling depths of the bleak, wintry dark...

Dyad Productions is resurrecting a Victorian tradition by presenting three seasonal tales of terror to scintillate the gooseflesh for dark Christmas nights.

It is adapted and performed by Rebecca Vaughan (Dalloway, Austen's Women and I, Elizabeth) and directed by Elton Townend Jones (Dalloway and The Unremarkable Death of Marilyn Monroe).

● Christmas Gothic is at the Dugdale on Tuesday at 7.45pm and at artsdepot on Thursday at 3pm and 7.30pm.



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#### WEDNESDAY

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# Vadi rises from the ashes with a superb menu

HAVING been gutted by fire in May, 2014, it is good to see Turkish restaurant Vadi, in Ponders End, back and fighting fit.

The interior has been redecorated in warm and cosy colours and the staff are as friendly and helpful as ever before.

Greedy Gannet and I sat ourselves down, having starved ourselves for this repast and we were not disappointed.

Before we had even glanced at the menu, the air was filled with delicious smells and our table was suddenly stocked with a mountainous salad, seasoned bread, cacik (yogurt and cucumber dip) and aubergine salad. This comes at no extra cost to each diner or group of diners.

On inspecting the menu, we decided the best course of action would be to choose a sharing starter, to sample a little bit of everything.

We plumped for the hot mixed meze platter, £10.50, comprising of hellim (grilled Cyprus cheese), sigra böregi (cheese wrapped in pastry), falafel, calamari and Turkish sausage.

Each bite was superb with the large and tender calamari rings proving to be the mouth-watering favourite.

We descended further into food heaven when the main courses arrived. The chicken sharma beyti (marinated minced chicken seasoned with garlic, grilled over charcoal, wrapped in lavish

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bread and topped with tomato sauce, then drizzled with butter and served with yogurt), £14.00, was beautifully presented and tasted every bit as good as it looked – and the pizola (lamb chops, grilled over charcoal), £14.90, was outstanding – tender, juicy and flavoursome.

Vadi is an absolute gem of a restaurant and we two Gannets will certainly be returning. Patting our stomachs and burping gently, we waddled off, very content, into the afternoon.

Vadi is open every day, from 9am to midnight, and offers a lunchtime menu for £8 between noon and 4pm each day.



**Food heaven: The restaurant's redecorated interior and, below, a plate of lamb chops**



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**SULLY: MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON (12A, 94 mins)**

ON January 15, 2009, US Airways Flight 1549 took off from LaGuardia airport in New York bound for North Carolina with 155 passengers and crew on board.

Three minutes after take-off, a flock of Canadian geese made an impact on the aircraft, causing multiple strikes to both engines that necessitated an emergency landing.

Captain Chesley Sullenberger, known affectionately as Sully, drew on years of experience to glide the stricken Airbus A320 on to the Hudson River in freezing conditions rather than head back to LaGuardia or another runway.

Aided by First Officer Jeff Skiles, Sully safely landed on water and oversaw the evacuation of everyone on board into ferry boats that raced to the scene, aided by scuba divers from the NYPD's Aviation Unit and Harbor Unit.

The captain was hailed a hero by a city still bearing the scars of the 9/11 attacks.

"It's been a while since New York had news this good – especially with an airplane in it," observes one of the characters in Sully: Miracle On The Hudson, which centres on the subsequent investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) into Sully's actions that fateful day.

Clint Eastwood's exemplary thriller is a masterclass in sustained tension, replaying events aboard US Airways Flight 1549 and from the ground, from multiple perspectives, including air traffic controller Patrick Harten (Patch Darragh) and ferry boat captain (Vince Lombardi, playing himself).

Screenwriter Todd Komarnicki punctuates this deeply human story with differ-

ent iterations of the crash landing, including chilling scenes of the Airbus ploughing into skyscrapers when Sully (Tom Hanks) imagines a fruitless attempt to reach LaGuardia.

The NTSB investigation led by Charles Porter (Mike O'Malley), Elizabeth Davis (Anna Gunn) and Ben Edwards (Jamey Sheridan) forms the crux and the script nimbly condenses the actual 15-month timeframe to explore the emotional strain on Sully and Skiles (Aaron Eckhart) as they defend their actions.

"I've had 40 years in the air, but in the end, I'm going to be judged by 208 seconds," laments Sully as technical data from the craft suggests one of the engines was operational, contradicting his version of events.

A media storm envelops the crew and Sully seeks refuge in regular telephone calls to his wife, Lorraine (Laura Linney).

Shot largely on IMAX cameras, Sully: Miracle On The Hudson is a rousing tribute to a man who repeatedly deflects praise and quietly observes: "I don't feel

like a hero. I was just a man doing a job."

Hanks delivers a deeply affecting, yet understated, lead performance, eliciting pathos as he contends with post-traumatic stress disorder in the eye of a media storm.

Eastwood withholds the crash landing in full until the middle of his taut and lean picture, by which time we have fully buckled our seatbelts and are braced for greatness.

Released: December 2  
RATING: 8/10

# Splash landing

Pilot: Tom Hanks as Captain Chesley Sullenberger  
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ENFIELD: £ 396,838	+ 1.2 %	+ 15.1 %	1 BR: £ 981	DETACHED: £ 930,389	4BT: £ 462
LONDON: £ 455,885	+ 1.3 %	+ 12.1 %	2 BR: £ 1,036	Semi Detached: £ 585,174	3BT: £ 513
UK: £ 215,861	+ 8.4 %	+ 1.3 %	3 BR: £ 1,639	TERRACE: £ 418,981	4BT: £ 542.58
			4 BR: £ 3,075	APARTMENT: £ 183,767	5BT: £ 579

% of asking prices obtained in the last month: 99.34%

**MARKET COMMENTARY**

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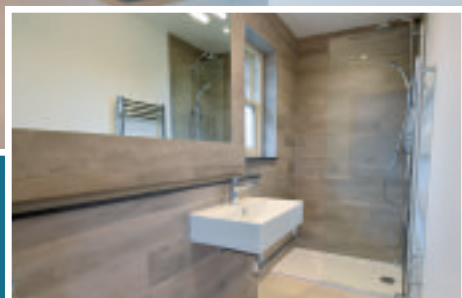
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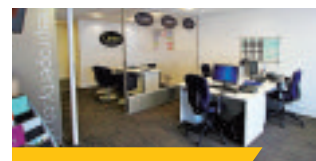
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## Musso is a powerful beast

By Darren Cassey

**T**HE Musso is largely an updated version of the Korando Sports pickup, but with a new name brought back from Ssangyong's past. Musso – Korean for “rhinoceros” – brings not only an exterior update and rebadge, but also a new engine, the Euro 6-compliant 2.2-litre E-XDI diesel. This can be paired with either a six-speed manual, or a new six-speed automatic from Aisin.

The new engine brings an improved punch that improves the towing rating and brings a mild boost to the combined fuel economy of about five per cent, but performance is unaffected.

If there's one area the Ssangyong brand falls short on at the moment, it's image.

Of all of the Korean vehicle manufacturers that have reached the UK, Ssangyong is the one that has made the least positive impression – largely because it's stuck to making large

SUVs and utilitarian machines like the Musso Pickup.

This means the Musso has little street cred, but for the most part it's just as good to look at as its rivals – at least on the outside.

The redesigned cabin looks interesting enough, with an asymmetric set-up that proves a little awkward to use at first and has a few strange details.

While the switchgear feels solid enough, the overall quality of the cabin isn't up to scratch yet – but then the same can be said of some pricier alternatives.

There are no questions about the Musso's practicality credentials. We haven't measured up the seat dimensions, but it's almost a moot point. The cabin is vast and even three abreast in the back isn't that much of a problem. This makes it great for family use.

The load bay behind you is proportioned to fit a standard Euro pallet, with a total of 2.04 square metres of area to play with. The 1,312 litre bed

is fully lined, with tie-down points inside the bay, too, so you can pack any load you want to safely. A range of load covers is available as well, so you can use it as a secure load area or put a camper back on it for your dogs, for example.

Total payload is 1 tonne – the same as its predecessor – while the Musso can now tow up to three tonnes, bringing it into contention with more expensive rivals.

Unlike the majority of vehicles in the pickup sector, the Musso makes use of independent rear suspension.

This gives it a surprisingly compliant ride, whether running empty or with the load bay pushed to its one-tonne limit.

We also tested the car with a load bay full of gravel just to make sure. Without the extra weight, the Musso can get a little soggy over bumps, but by and large it's better than rivals that stick to more basic suspension.

The steering is somewhat mushy

and vague, however, so if you have any ambitions to press on down a country road, it's best to put them on the backburner.

At speed there's rather a lot of wind noise, coming from those huge wing mirrors, but it's expected for this type of vehicle. Otherwise, it's happy to sit at motorway speeds with little fuss, albeit with a bit of body roll if you make too quick a lane change.

In EX specification, you gain a reversing camera and it makes the pretty bulky Musso a breeze to park – particularly with that light steering. It would benefit from front parking sensors to judge the nose a little better.

The Musso range starts from £15,995 (excluding VAT) and comes equipped with 18-inch alloy wheels, leather-look seats, front and back electric windows, power folding door mirrors, manual air conditioning, CD & RDS Radio with iPod and Bluetooth connectivity and a multifunction steering wheel.



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### Facts at a glance

- Model: SsangYong Musso
- Power (bhp): 176hp
- Torque (Nm): 400Nm
- Max speed (mph): 108mph
- 0-62mph: 10.5secs (estimated)
- MPG: 37.0mpg (combined)
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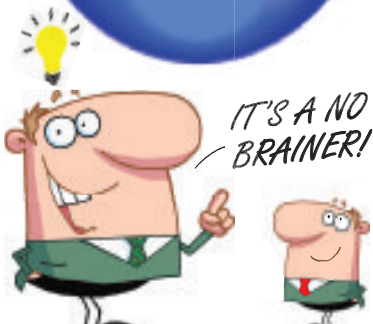
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ERIC DIER has issued a rallying call to Tottenham Hotspur following a bad few days for the club which saw them bow out of the Champions League and suffer their first defeat of the season in the Premier League.

Spurs' hopes of progressing to the last 16 of the Champions League came to an end last Tuesday when they were beaten 2-1 at Monaco and they followed this up by losing by an identical margin at table-topping Chelsea in the league on Saturday to leave them eight points adrift of the leaders.

However, utility man Dier – who has played in the heart of their defence for the past two matches – has urged the side to put the defeats behind them quickly and make sure that they bounce back by getting a positive result against Swansea City this weekend.

"We can't kick ourselves too much and we have to be ready for Swansea," he said. "We have to keep pushing, keep trying to improve and trying to reach the level we can."

"We showed fantastic character to start the way we did after what's happened in recent weeks and in the Champions League. It's a matter of playing like that for 90 minutes. It's turning lots of draws that we have into wins and seeing out results. That's massive for us."

"We work very hard, we're committed, we've got a lot of character, but we need to be more consistent. I don't think we can kick ourselves too much. We've got to keep pushing and keep trying to improve."

Spurs were in control of the game for much of the first half at Stamford Bridge and thoroughly deserved the lead which was given to them by Christian Eriksen.

However, Pedro equalised for Chelsea against the run of play on the stroke of the interval and Victor Moses went on to score what proved to be the winner shortly after the restart.

"We're gutted and it's the same in any London derby," said striker Harry Kane. "If you don't win it's disappointing – it hurts. That's football, but we have to get on with it and prepare for Swansea."

"Everyone knows we probably played better than Chelsea over the 90 minutes, but we've come away with nothing and that's difficult."

"It's been a tough week to go out of the Champions League and lose at Chelsea, but we've still got plenty of games left in the Premier League. Swansea next week is definitely one we're now looking at to try and get back to winning ways and put this week behind us."

"We have to start winning games and that's the bottom line. We have to be tougher and start grinding out a few more results, especially when we get ahead."

## Borough run riot as Markus and Benjamin both score hat-tricks

CHRIS BENJAMIN and Adrian Markus both scored hat-tricks as Haringey Borough secured a stunning 7-1 victory at home to Romford in Ryman League Division One North on Saturday.

Although Borough went into the match on the back of a good run of form which had only seen them lose once in nine outings in all competitions, most of their victories had been by a narrow margin and there had been little to indicate that they would suddenly run riot in such dramatic fashion.

But the hosts took control of the match from the start as they raced into a 4-0 lead inside the first 30 minutes and they remained in control throughout to romp to their biggest win since being promoted to this level two years ago.

It was Benjamin who grabbed the opening goal after ten minutes, and Romford never recovered from this early setback as they simply fell apart.

Markus opened his account six minutes later and he scored again on 25 minutes before Benjamin added the fourth soon after.

The visitors survived until the interval without suffering any further punishment, but Benjamin increased their misery by completing his hat-trick two minutes into the second half.

Chinedu McKenzie did pull one back on 54 minutes, but Borough continued to attack with purpose and Markus grabbed his third goal of the afternoon moments later before Kwabena Asamoah completed the rout by getting his name on the score-sheet seven minutes from time.

And Borough built on the victory by edging to a 3-2 win at home to basement side Thamesmead Town on Monday.

Another crushing triumph appeared to be on the cards as the hosts completely dominated the first half, with Ralston Gabriel firing them into a 22nd-minute lead and Markus doubling their advantage with a spectacular volley on 39 minutes.

Gabriel added the third three minutes into the second half, but the game changed dramatically after Borough's Dewayne Clarke saw red on 52 minutes.

Harvey Brand gave Thamesmead hope by pulling one back moments later and Alex Teniola then set up a dramatic finish by heading in a free-kick ten minutes from time.

However, the ten-man hosts were able to hold firm in the closing stages as they secured a victory which lifted them up into ninth place in the table ahead of last night's action.

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